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WITH MULTIPLE LAYER GUARD PLATE ASSEMBLIES AND METHOD

OF MAKING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (currently amended) A fabric comprising a fabric substrate and a plurality of guard plate assemblies affixed to a top surface of the fabric substrate in a spaced relationship to each other, each guard plate assembly including a first layer of material affixed to the top surface of the fabric substrate, the first layer of each guard plate assembly collectively providing a plurality of non-overlapping, polygonal guard plates, and a second layer of material joined to the first layer of material on a surface opposite the fabric substrate.
- 2. (previously presented) The fabric of claim 1 wherein the second layer of material of each guard plate assembly completely